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In re Patent Application of)
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Jipin Zhong et al.) Group Art Unit: 1502
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For: BIOACTIVE SOL-GEL)
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

OK Please cancel claims 1-13, 19-22, 27-31, 33-37, and 32.

REMARKS

In the parent application, 08/834,155, the Examiner required the claims be restricted to Group 1 consisting of claims 1-13, 19-22, 27-31 and 33-37 or Group II consisting of claims 14-18 and 23-26 or Group III consisting of claim 32. Applicants elected to prosecute the claims of Group I with traverse. In the present divisional application, Applicants wish to prosecute the claims of Group II, and will submit another divisional application for the prosecution of Group III, claim 32. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.